

Rehearsals & Ceremonies

Aboard The M/V Skansonia

Ceremony Fee: Our ceremony fee of \$250 includes (but is not limited to) the ceremony set up, re set of the space to reception, a one hour coordinated rehearsal by an on site coordinator, and ceremony coordination on the day of the ceremony.

Rehearsals: You may call (**206-545-9109**) or email (**info@skansonia.com**) to schedule a one hour rehearsal during our business hours, Monday- Friday beginning at 10am, ending at 5pm. *Please note: On very rare occasions, we may need to reschedule rehearsal times due to an event booking during that time. All rehearsals and ceremonies aboard The Skansonia include an on site coordinator to cue walking of attendants, music cues, and all ceremony logistics.

A few tips for your rehearsal:

- Ensure your officiant and Bridal Party attendants are able to make your preferred rehearsal time
- If you are planning on supplying your own music (via ipod or laptop), bring the device with you to the rehearsal so you can practice walking with music
- The Skansonia has a hand held corded microphone that the officiant can use, and can be supplied upon request (if a DJ isn't supplying a microphone).

Example Processional Line up:

**Song selection plays for Parents and Bridal Party*

1. Mother of the Groom is escorted to her seat by an usher with Father of the Groom following close behind
2. Mother of the Bride is escorted to her seat by an usher
3. Officiant walks out with the Groom
4. Bridesmaid + Groomsman
5. Bridesmaid + Groomsman
6. Maid of Honor + Best Man
7. Ring Bearer + Flower Girl

**Song changes to another selection for the Bride*

8. Bride + Father of the Bride

Indoor Set up: While we all can only hope that it is warm and sunny everyday in Seattle, we have to take in to account our occasional rain and cold weather. Lucky for us, we are equipped to set up an indoor ceremony option. Indoor ceremonies can either take place at the fireplace having the chairs in a "half U shape" formation, or taking place by the piano (where a DJ would set up). If taking place by the piano, the bay door behind would open up, and the drapes in the tent would come down and act as a backdrop. (To view an example, click on this blog link by Amore Studios: <http://amorestudios.com/amazingblog/?p=1005>). There are 75 chairs set up, with the remaining guests comfortably standing. Our comfort level for indoor an indoor ceremony is 150. After the ceremony this area is re set for reception and dancefloor, with cocktail tables lining the port side.

Outdoor Set up:

The ceremony would take place on the bow of the boat, with 100 chairs set up. About 8 rows of 8 on the Brides side, and 5 rows of 8 on the Groom's side. We provide a carpeted gray aisle runner down the center. The use of the white wooden arbor can be set up upon request at your rehearsal. There is plenty of comfortable standing room for an additional 50 guests behind and beside the seated guests on the bow. You also have the option to let guests watch the ceremony from the second deck of the boat if your guest count is above 125. After the ceremony, this area is re set for reception with patio tables and umbrellas, seating up to 65 for dining.

